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BEACHES REMAIN POSTED AT GEORGE WYTH AND BEEDS LAKE

DES MOINES — Swimming advisories remain in effect for beaches at George Wyth State Park in Black Hawk County and Beeds Lake in Franklin County.

Although the level at Beeds Lake was non-detectable for E. coli, and was 150 for George Wyth, both exceed the geometric mean of 126 for at least five results taken over a 30-day period so an advisory will remain in effect there.

Bacteria levels at beaches typically rise as a result of runoff from rainfall and can return to normal in less than two days with sunny conditions. Samples are collected from the beaches on Monday and Tuesday. There was widespread rain over much of Iowa in the last week likely elevating bacteria levels at some locations.

Bacteria levels at Iowa's 37 other state park beaches are within acceptable levels.

The DNR is also advising normal precautions for contact with any surface water in Iowa:

- Avoid swallowing the water
- Avoid the water if you have open cuts or wounds that could become infected by contact with bacteria
- Swimming is not recommended for persons who are very young or very old and may have problems avoiding ingestion of water, and people who have weakened immune systems due to other medical conditions.

Weekly beach monitoring results are posted on the DNR's website every Friday afternoon at <http://www.iowadnr.com/news/beach.html>

For more information, contact Kevin Baskins at (515) 281-8395 or Janice Boekhoff, 319-335-1574.

DNR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

DES MOINES — The DNR has taken the following enforcement actions. Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the charges or 60 days to pay the penalty.

- Tom Vittetoe, of Washington, was ordered to stop open burning of combustible materials, to comply with asbestos notification requirements and to pay a \$1,000 penalty.
- Iowa Select Farms, L.P., Iowa Select Farms, Inc., of Clarke and Union Counties, was ordered to comply with minimum manure control and manure release reporting requirements, comply with all manure management plan requirements and pay a penalty of \$5,000. The order has been appealed.
- Southern Waste Handling, L.C., of Mt. Ayr, was ordered to comply with minimum manure control, manure release reporting and manure applicator requirements, and to pay a \$7,000 penalty.
- Midway Water and Lighting Co., Inc., of Marion, was ordered to sample the public water supply for bacteria and other specific substances monthly; install and properly operate, monitor and report relating to continuous disinfection facilities; provide public notice of monitoring deficiencies; submit a designated operator form; and pay a penalty of \$1,000.
Richard Bockenstedt, of Delaware County, was ordered to comply with minimum manure control requirements and to pay a \$2,000 penalty. The order has been appealed.
- Foods, Inc., Dahl's Food Mart, of Clive, was ordered to obtain and maintain all required storm water discharge permits in the future; comply with all permit requirements; and pay back fees of \$150 and a \$1,000 penalty.
- Cecil McCuen, d.b.a. Cecil McCuen Salvage, of Page and Montgomery Counties, was ordered to stop any and all open burning of combustible materials; cease the illegal disposal of solid waste; obtain a storm water discharge permit; and submit an adequate Pollution Prevention Plan. McCuen was also ordered to cease the acceptance of discarded appliances; remove and properly dispose of all discarded appliances currently on-site; submit records verifying proper disposal of all solid waste and waste tires on-site; and pay a \$1,000 penalty.
- Leroy Havel, of Washington County, was ordered to cease the improper disposal of dead farm animals and pay a penalty of \$1,300.
- Bruty Lumber, Inc., of Washington County, was ordered to stop open burning and improper disposal of solid waste; to properly dispose of remaining solid waste stored on its burn pile; and to pay a \$4,000 penalty. The order has been appealed.
- Poverty Acres Feedlot, Inc., of Sioux County, was ordered to comply with minimum manure control requirements; participate in an on-site review; comply with a compliance schedule; and pay a penalty of \$3,500. The order has been appealed.

- Larry Nuehring, of Cerro Gordo County, was ordered to stop open burning of combustible materials; cease the illegal disposal of solid waste; place access restriction across entry points to the disposal area and post signs prohibiting open dumping and burning. Nuehring was also ordered to remove and legally dispose of all solid waste on the property; provide documentation of proper disposal of the solid waste; and pay a \$500 penalty. The order has been appealed.
- Country Terrace Mobile Home Park, of Ames, was ordered to complete all necessary repairs at its wastewater facility and properly maintain and operate the facility; cease all land application of wastewater from this facility; timely report all future bypasses; and pay a penalty of \$10,000. The order has been appealed.
- The City of Le Grand was ordered to properly operate and maintain its drinking water treatment plant and associated equipment at all times; repair, replace or rehabilitate the existing water treatment plant units; and survey the water distribution system and replace plastic water lines in petroleum contaminated areas. The City was also ordered to provide public notice of the presence of Methyl-tertiary-Butyl Ether (MtBE); plan for disposition of the water supply treatment plant unit if the City decides to connect to rural water; and to conduct routine monitoring of its finished water.

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